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## Barre Farmers' Market open every Saturday morning



Lynn Hartman of Hartman's Herb Farm in Barre is shown with flowers, vegetables and herbs she grew to sell at the Barre Farmers Market on Saturday mornings on the common. The market opened for the season the first Saturday in May and will be open through October from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. rain or shine.

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## School district presents budget at joint meeting

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Board of Selectmen held a joint meeting with the Finance Committee on Monday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting was to further review the preliminary budget for fiscal 2022.

### QRSD assessment

Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir presented the school bud-

get for fiscal 2022. Hardwick's assessment is \$2,594,615.08.

Muir said grants helped cover a lot of their unexpected costs associated with the pandemic, including technology needed to make remote and hybrid learning possible. "We purchased a lot of technology," she said. "Each member town was generous with sharing their CARES Act funding," she said, to help secure the needed technology.

Muir said they are again,

"building a budget for an unknown school year." She said they are doing their best to plan for a somewhat uncertain future. Muir said she imagines school will be closer to "normal," but the needs of the students will be unknown. They are proposing to eliminate some positions and add some new ones. The district is hoping to add an intervention program in the middle school, like the one on the elementary level. "It has been much needed for

many years, but never makes it through the budget process," she said.

Muir said some of the new positions include two technology coaches. Right now, the district is using outside consultants to manage technological needs. They are also looking to add an additional Board Certified Behavior Analyst and behavior assistants. The district also wants to hire a social

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## School Regionalization Committee presents study results

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Over 50 people attended a meeting both in-person and via Zoom last Wednesday, May 5 regarding the results of the study conducted by the school Regionalization Study Committee to determine if North Brookfield Public Schools should join an established regional school district. At a meeting held on April 28, the committee chose to consider Quabog Regional School District for regionalization.

Regionalization study grant  
School Superintendent

Richard Lind and member of the Regionalization Study Committee said North Brookfield Public Schools is one of the smallest districts in the state. He said the discussion of regionalizing with another school district has come up several times in the past. Lind said this process has been the most formal look at regionalization to date. Through the use of a grant, the district was able to fund this study. The grant, in the amount of \$32,890, covered a consultant to facilitate the work, a consultant to provide a demographic study including enrollment projections, postage/supplies/travel, legal counsel and recording secretary.

The 18-member committee began in February 2020, and spent the past 15 months gathering information. They held 16 meetings

and worked with The Management Solution consultants. "They worked with us to gather the information we needed, and ultimately they produced a final report," Lind said. He said The Management Solution is a local company that recently conducted a similar study in Ware. The report covered five major areas of concern: academics, quality of programs and services, technology, physical plant and fiscal issues. Committee members broke into subcommittees during the process. "The people who are on this committee deserve a tremendous amount of kudos from everyone in the community. Donating the amount of time, and the amount of energy they put into this," Lind said.

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## FinCom reviews town administrator's budget

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

BARRE – The Barre Finance Committee went over town administrator Jessica Sizer's proposed FY22 budget at its May 6 meeting.

The town administrator said she estimated new growth conservatively at \$50,000. New growth included new construction, additions, swimming pools, etc. The town's maximum levy limit under proposition 2 ½ was \$9,201,953.

Claire Adomaitis, finance committee chair, said she pushed out the date of the committee's public hearing from Thursday, May 27 to Thursday, June 3 to allow the committee more time to present a balanced budget at town meeting.

The town administrator's budget expenses were about \$11.8 million and she expected a little under \$11.6 million in revenue. The town administrator said some of the numbers were estimates and later in the month she would have more actual figures. The town was in the process of negotiating four

contracts. She based the amount of state aid to cities and towns on the house budget. The senate has not presented its budget so that figure most likely would change. Vice-chair Ted Twarog said the committee did not have a clear idea of revenue the town would get.

The finance committee met to work on presenting a balanced figure of expenses and revenues to voters at town meeting. The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 13. The meetings are broadcast on the local cable access channel and available on YouTube.

The finance committee approved a \$2,000 budget request from the Felton Field Commissioners and called the field a "community asset." In the past, the Felton Field Commission used interest from a trust fund to maintain the field. The balance was under \$10,000. With low interest rates, the fund was not going to grow the way it did in the past. Felton Field on Old Coldbrook Road is town owned

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## Select board okays sign for Vietnam Memorial

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

HUBBARDSTON – At its April 26 meeting, the select board approved a temporary sign to mark the spot where a proposed Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be located.

Bill Shea of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee said the sign would say "Future Location of Our Vietnam Veterans Memorial" and would fall within the size limit of the town's sign bylaw. He said the sign would be in place until the end of May 2022, the goal for the placement of the memorial on the town common.

Shea said there was an unprecedented number of applications for the Veterans Heritage grant program and the committee did not receive a grant. The committee planned to apply again next year

for the grant. He said the committee needed about \$30,000 for a memorial similar to those already on the common. Select board chair Daniel Galante said the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee should consider a warrant article for some funding this year.

### Municipal mosquito spraying

The select board held a public hearing regarding municipal mosquito spraying. Legislation signed by the Governor in July 2020 requires the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to develop a process for the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board to permit municipalities to opt out of mosquito spraying including aerial or other.

Kate Saab of the Board of Health said the board would like

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## Barre bandstand gets new look



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The Harding Allen Bandstand located on Barre Common is getting the railings repaired, stripped and ready for painting. The bandstand restoration is the final piece of the Barre Common project.



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## Band concerts begin next month

The South Barre Common Committee announces the concert schedule at Nornay Park, Main Street.

Saturday concerts include: Holdin’ Back Saturday, June 12 from 6-8 p.m.; The Big Random Saturday, June 26 from 6-8 p.m.; Alley Kings Saturday, July 10 from 6-8 p.m.; Tequila Mockingbird Saturday, July 24 from 6-8 p.m.; The Otters Saturday, Aug. 7 from 6-8 p.m. and Nashville Blues Saturday, Aug. 21 from 6-8 p.m. The Barre Lions Club will run a concession stand during the Saturday concerts. Sponsors include Barre Cultural Council, Barre Recreation Committee, Fidelity Bank and North Brookfield Savings Bank. The Quabbin Community Band will hold concerts Sundays beginning June 20.

**Barre Senior Center events**

Tea and pastries will be held at the Barre Senior center Tuesday, May 18. Coffee will be served every morning on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. If people need help to sign up for a COVID shot, they should call Eileen Clarkson at 978-355-5004 and she will assist with the registration. Tai Chi will be resuming on Monday, June 7, starting at 1 p.m., sign up is required and is at the desk and the cost is \$3 per session. Humana will be sponsoring a Tech Class every month. The next class is on Tuesday, May 18 starting at 10 a.m. Participants will learn how to use their electronic devices.

**Listening Center**

The Listening Center in Barre offers Finding Refuge in Community, an eight week ZOOM Program, which will be held Wednesdays, May 23 through June 30 from 7-7:45 p.m. All levels of experience in meditation are welcome. Registration is online at eventbrite. Space is limited. This program is generously supported in part by the benefactors of Trinity Institute for Applied Neuroscience and Spirituality, who strongly believe in the value of this work. [www.tiansonline.com](http://www.tiansonline.com).

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## Second Chance online auction helps pets in need

EAST BROOKFIELD – Bidding is about to begin in the 22nd Annual Second Chance Dinner Auction and for a second year the fun will be online. The Second Chance Animal Services auction committee is astounded by the outpouring of unique items donated to help pets in need.

The auction officially begins Saturday, May 15 at 6 p.m. and will run through June 6, but interested bidders can view the items up for bid from a link on the nonprofit’s website. Organizers are continuing to add items daily as additional donations arrive.

Development Director Lindsay Doray is hopeful that the donated items will help raise much-needed funds for all the programs Second Chance offers to help pets.

A selection of must-see items will also be on display Saturday, May 15 from 3-5:30 pm at the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center while pre-ordered to-go meals are picked up.

Second Chance is grateful for all the donations and to the many sponsors who have stepped up to support pets, including RE/MAX realtor Wendy Johnson and Tito’s Handmade Vodka.

The annual dinner auction is Second Chance’s largest and most important fundraiser, providing funding for all the programs that help pets in need from adoption services to vaccine and spay/neuter clinics to access to veterinary care for all.

For those interested in bidding to help pets or



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**Dinner auction committee volunteer surrounded by just a few of the items donated for this year’s fundraiser.**

viewing the year-in-review auction kick-off video, people may visit [www.secondchanceanimals.org/fetch](http://www.secondchanceanimals.org/fetch).

### About Second Chance Animal Services:

Second Chance is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization that began in 1999 in East Brookfield and relies solely on donations from grants to operate. The organization operates an adoption center in East Brookfield, Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield,

Springfield, and Worcester. Second Chance helps over 40,000 pets a year through adoption, spay/neuter, veterinary care, community outreach, educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry. For more information, visit Second Chance’s website at [www.secondchanceanimals.org](http://www.secondchanceanimals.org).

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## Recycling center closed

The Hubbardston Recycling Center will be closed until further notice due to staffing issues. Any questions can be directed to 978-928-1400, extension 209.

**Ask a pharmacist program**

Hubbardston older adults are invited to an “Ask the Pharmacist” event on Tuesday, May 18 at 11 a.m. in the Hubbardston Senior Center. A registered pharmacist from the MCPHS University Pharmacy Outreach Program will be on site to present COVID-19: Facts vs. Fiction. The Pharmacy Outreach Program is a community service project of MCPHS University sponsored in part by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. A team of case managers and pharmacists work together to ensure Massachusetts residents can afford their medications, take their medications correctly and understand different insurance coverage options like Medicare. For free assistance, Massachusetts residents can speak to staff by calling 1-866-633-1617 or by going online to [www.mcphs.edu/pharmacyoutreach](http://www.mcphs.edu/pharmacyoutreach).

**Council on Aging**

The Hubbardston Council on Aging will be participating in the annual town wide yard sale June 26 and 27 beginning at 8 a.m. Donations may be dropped off at the Hubbardston Senior Center Monday through Friday mornings or call 978-928-1400, extension 211 for pick up. Remember one man’s junk is another’s treasure.

**Senior center**

Bingo is played at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main Street, Mondays, May 17 and May 24 from noon-3 p.m. People should call Flo at 978-928-5113 to reserve a spot.

The Hubbardston Golden Age Club meets the third Wednesday of the month at the senior center. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 19 from 1-3 p.m.

## Food pantry to hold monthly distributions

BARRE – The next Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Thursday, May 20 from 5:30-7 p.m. The Barre Food Pantry schedules their two distributions each month on the morning of the second Wednesday and the evening of the third Thursday. The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients.

As they have since last spring’s distributions, in order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients, May 20 will again be “drive-through” style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They’ll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers.

## Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of May 17. Meal sites are closed and there are only Meals on Wheels deliveries. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MON. – Chicken Mornay, couscous, Roman blend vegetables, butterscotch pudding, diet = sugar free vanilla pudding, marble rye bread

TUES. – Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, country blend vegetables, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread  
WED. – Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, green beans, apple-cinnamon grahams, Italian bread

THURS. – Chicken cranberry salad, pasta salad, tomato and cucumber salad, fresh fruit, sandwich roll  
FRI. – Pollock with Parmesan cream sauce, wild rice, beets, fruited Ambrosia, pumpernickel bread  
\*Diabetic friendly dessert \*\*Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

*Note: Many meetings are closed to the public or will be held remotely.*

### BARRE

Finance Committee – May 13 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – May 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – May 18 at 6 p.m.  
Planning Board – May 18 and June 1 at 7 p.m.  
Library Trustees – May 19 at 6:30 p.m.  
Barre Housing Authority – May 20 at 9 a.m.  
Sewer Commission – May 20 at 7 p.m.  
Conservation Committee – May 25 at 7 p.m.  
Cemetery Commission – May 27 at 11 a.m.  
Felton Field Commission – June 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council on Aging – June 2 at 1 p.m.  
Zoning Board of Appeals – June 2 at 7 p.m.  
Cable Advisory Committee – June 8 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Health – June 14 at 5 p.m.  
Water Commission – June 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
DPW Commission – June 14 at 7 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Gilbertville Public Library – May 14 at 4 p.m.  
Wheelwright Water District – May 17 at 7 p.m.  
Gilbertville Water District – May 18 at 5:30 p.m.  
Personnel Committee – May 18 at 5:30 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – May 18, May 24 and June 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – May 19 at 6:30 p.m.  
Recycling Commission – June 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Health – June 3 at 6:30 p.m.  
Paige Library Trustees – June 3 at 7 p.m.  
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – June 14 at 6 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Vietnam Memorial Committee – May 13 at 6 p.m.  
Council on Aging – May 14 at 11 a.m.  
Select Board – May 17 and May 24 at 6:30 p.m.  
Open Space Committee – May 25 and June 29 at 7 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – June 1 at 7 p.m.  
Planning Board – June 3 at 6:30 p.m.  
Historical Commission – June 5 at 10 a.m.  
Town Center Committee – June 17 at 7 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Cemetery Commission – May 13 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – May 14 at 10 a.m.  
Board of Health – May 20 and June 3 at 7 p.m.  
Petersham Historic District – May 20 at 7 p.m.  
Planning Board – May 27 at 7 p.m.  
Open Space and Recreation Committee – June 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – June 1 at 7:30 p.m.  
Council on Aging – Aug. 9 at 10 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Finance Committee – May 13 at 6 p.m.  
Select Board Public Hearing – May 17 at 6 p.m.  
Ad Hoc By-law Committee – May 18 at 1 p.m.  
Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing – May 19 at 6 p.m.

## Committee announces Norway Park concert schedule

**SOUTH BARRE** – The South Barre Common Committee announces the concert schedule at Nornay Park, Main Street.

Saturday concerts include:  
Holdin’ Back Saturday, June 12 from 6-8 p.m.  
The Big Random Saturday, June 26 from 6-8 p.m.  
Alley Kings Saturday, July 10 from 6-8 p.m.  
Tequila Mockingbird, Saturday, July 24 from 6-8 p.m.  
The Otters Saturday, Aug. 7 from 6-8 p.m.  
Nashville Blues Saturday, Aug. 21 from 6-8 p.m.  
The Barre Lions Club will run a concession stand during the Saturday concerts. Sponsors include Barre Cultural Council, Barre Recreation Committee, Fidelity Bank and North Brookfield Savings Bank.  
The Quabbin Community Band will hold concerts Sundays beginning June 20.

Saturday, Oct 2 the town wide yard sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The signup fee is \$10.

To schedule an event or wedding, people may contact barreboards@townofbarre.com or call 978-355-5000, extension 7.

## Congregational church to sell asparagus chowder

**WEST BROOKFIELD** – Even though the town’s Asparagus and Flower Heritage Festival cannot happen again this year, the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, 36 North Main St. is still serving up their famous asparagus chowder.

Chowder will be available Saturday, May 29 from 1-4 p.m. hot or chilled and Sunday, May 30 from noon-2 p.m. chilled, from the church kitchen. Chowder will be sold by the quart for \$10 each. People may call Nancy at 413-267-3863 (be sure to leave a message) to reserve their quarts for pick up. People should enter the driveway through the Church Street entrance.

## Hardwick

### Hardwick Board of Selectmen notebook

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

**HARDWICK** – The Hardwick Board of Selectmen met on Monday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

#### Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting is set for Saturday, June 19, at 9 a.m., at the Hardwick Elementary School. The warrant will be open through May 28 for articles.

#### Formula Grant contract

BOS Chair Kelly Kemp said she talked to Barre Council on Aging Director Eileen Clarkson about Hardwick’s Formula Grant contract. Hardwick receives approximately \$7,000 in Formula Grants, which can be used to reduce the town’s assessment to the Barre Senior Center. Kemp said Clarkson is also looking to advertise for an outreach worker to reach out to seniors in town, many who have become shut-ins during the pandemic. The outreach worker would work nine to 10 hours a week. The board approved and signed the contract and the hiring of a part-time outreach worker.

#### Annual Dog Warrant

Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos presented the Annual Dog Warrant. He said the warrant gives the town some leverage in getting dogs registered. There are 430 dogs licensed and tagged, and currently 250 dogs have not been registered. Witkos said a reason for the number of unregistered dogs could be a combination of the pandemic and getting appointments. The annual dog warrant was approved and accepted.

#### EMS update

Kemp said she reached out to Barre Town Administrator Jessica Sizer to check the status of their emergency medical services agreement draft, but had not heard back as of meeting time. BOS Vice-Chair Julie Quink said she will also reach out to Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley about EMS provided by Ware.

Quink said she received an email from West Brookfield Rescue Squad to check the status of their proposal. She said she will let WBRS know the town is communicating with both Ware and Barre.

#### Administrative duties

Quink said she stops at the

town offices every day, and Lori Hoffman has been keeping up with paying bills. Quink said she is also working with Paragus and checks in with them weekly. She said she is also working with MEMA to receive reimbursement for a COVID grant for which the town applied.

Kemp said there is a fair number of invoices in their bin again. She said they received something from Lenard Engineering for the New Braintree Road improvement project. Kemp said it needs a signature and if it is not time sensitive, she will put it on next meeting’s agenda. Kemp said their contract with Comcast is also coming up.

Quink said she will work on preparing a job description for the town administrator position for them to review at their next meeting.

#### In-person meetings

The board discussed the possibility of returning to in-person meetings, but continuing to offer a virtual platform. The selectmen’s meeting room would have limited capacity, but the board could hold meetings at the Town House or the elementary school, if needed.

### Concerns about Host Community Agreement heard

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

**HARDWICK** – Ralph Rogers, owner of Adroit Manufacturing LLC, a proposed marijuana microbusiness to be located at 435 Lower Road, Gilbertville, shared his concerns regarding his Host Community Agreement with the town of Hardwick at a Board of Selectmen’s meeting Monday night.

Rogers submitted his HCA to the town late last year and is currently on a fourth revision of the agreement. He has been communicating back and forth with town counsel and feels there are “pretty close” to reaching an acceptable agreement. Rogers said one thing that concerns him about the revisions by town counsel is that they reflect those drafted for larger establishments in big cities. He said his HCA went from “five pages to 15

pages.” He said, “it’s not meant for a small town like Hardwick or a microbusiness.”

Rogers said he would like to eliminate the optional Community Impact Fee, which a town can impose up to 3%, and instead just give 3% of his sales to the town. He said Community Impact Fees are being challenged in other communities as being unfair to the businesses. Towns also need to show the impact the marijuana business has had on them. By dedicating 3% of his sales to the town, Rogers feels both parties would benefit more.

Another concern Rogers has with the HCA, is the \$5,000 payment for legal fees. “These are too much for a small business,” he said. Rogers said if he were to negotiate this agreement, then decide to move to another town, then he would be willing to pay the \$5,000. Rogers assured the

board, “I’m not going anywhere else, I want to be in Hardwick.” Rogers said he wants his micro-business to be in Hardwick, as he has a strong connection to the town and his grandmother taught at the elementary school.

Rogers also felt that indemnification provisions should not be included in the HCA. “I should not be responsible for frivolous lawsuits if I’ve done nothing wrong,” Rogers said.

SelectBoard Chair Kelly Kemp suggested Rogers mark up the changes to the HCA revision and submit it to them for review. Kemp said it was important to keep this moving and said the town needed to look into handling microbusinesses and large cultivation businesses differently. Rogers said he would return the document by the end of the week. BOS Vice-Chair Julie Quink said they would share his concerns with town counsel.

### Tri-Parish church to hold plant sale and more

**HARDWICK** The Tri-Parish Community Church has started planning for its 15th annual plant and bake sale. The third annual tag and craft sale will coincide with this event, which will take place on the Hardwick Common, Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

This East Quabbin area spring-time event will feature traditional, favorite and connoisseur perennials plus selected annuals, heirloom vegetable plants, and

herbs. Inishowen Farms of North Brookfield, Stillman’s Farm of New Braintree, Chicken Feather Farm of New Braintree, and private gardens will provide plants. Assorted home-baked desserts and breads will also be sold. The event is held rain or shine. Volunteers and attendees must wear masks and maintain six-foot distancing; hand sanitizer will be available.

Tri-Parish

seeks vendors for the tag and craft sale on that date. Spaces will be offered for \$30 each. Applications may be obtained by contacting the church at triparishcc@gmail.com or Tri-Parish Community Church, P.O. Box 202, New Braintree, MA 01531. People should reserve a space early. All are welcome.

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## Library to host zoom book talk

The Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St., will host a Zoom book talk with author Ben Montgomery at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 27. He will talk about his book “Grandma Gatewood’s Walk.” People may register at the library or online at [www.oakham-ma.gov](http://www.oakham-ma.gov), call 508-882-3372 or email [library@oakham-ma.gov](mailto:library@oakham-ma.gov).

#### Election reminder

The annual town election is Monday, May 17. The poll located in the Oakham Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road, will be open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Library events

Registration is required for all programs and some of the programs will be held at locations in Oakham other than the library. Saturday, May 15 at 9 a.m. East Quabbin Land Trust youth education coordinator will hold a walk through the Grimes Farm preserve in Oakham. Participants will venture through the newly established trail system and observe some of the local plant and animal fauna of the area. This is a moderate trail about one-mile in length that winds through forest, wetlands, stone walls and an old pasture. Artist Samantha Kirkland will lead a stamp making workshop Saturday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m. for adults. Participants will make their custom rubber stamp. The workshop is free and all materials are provided. Alpine Flora with Mass. Audubon will take place Saturday, May 23 at 11 a.m. The program is recommended for adults and will be held at Agronomy Farm Vineyard. The latest story walk is “When Grandma Gatewood Took a Hike” by Michelle Houts and is available now through May 18. The craft kit is nature journals.

#### Church news

The Oakham Congregational Church will hold in person Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Social distancing will be followed and masks must be worn. Sunday School is held in Fellowship Hall, located in the downstairs of the church.

## Caregiver-Patient Connection makes first HCA payment

**BARRE** – At their January 19 meeting, the Barre Selectmen received a \$10,000.00 payment from Caregiver-Patient Connection (CPC) as part of their Host Community Agreement with the Town.

“On behalf of our company, the Caregiver-Patient Connection, we want to present our first Host Community payment in the amount of \$10,000.00 to our town of Barre. It has been a long road getting here, and without the careful thought, consideration and foresight of the Board (And we very much include former Selectman Chase in this), it may not have happened” they wrote.

“We would again like to thank the many residents and friends who supported the project and the idea of bringing business to Barre. They tirelessly showed up to voice that support and they are as much a part of this payment as we are and we hope that this payment is timely in helping the Town as it navigates through the financial burdens of the current health situation. We look forward to issuing Barre many more of these over the coming years.”

Selectman O’Sullivan suggested that the money could be used for a four-wheel drive ambulance or CO2 testing equipment for the fire department.

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Opinion

Guest Column

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

My Social Security is incorrect, what should I do?

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: My sister and I have the same first and last names but are distinguished by our “middle” names. Our last name consists of two family names, which gives us both four, with only our middle names unique. We received two Social Security cards with the same name (middle name excluded), each with a unique number, but with our last name misspelled. So, my questions are:

- Which card is mine, and which is my sisters?
- Is it okay that our last name is misspelled?

I called Social Security and was told to make an appointment online, which I tried to do, but could not because it wouldn’t accept my last name. I don’t know what to do now and hope you can advise me. Signed: Confused Sister

Dear Confused Sister: You haven’t shared your age, but unless you’re ready to apply for Social Security, you and your sister have time to correct your last name in your Social Security records. In any case, your Social Security Number is what is used to record your earnings for the purpose of future Social Security benefits, so you aren’t losing anything where your earnings credits are concerned. You should, however, get your correct last name reflected in your Social Security records to be sure that your future benefits will be properly paid.

For Social Security purposes, only first names and last names (surnames) are considered your legal name. You can include a middle name if it will help distinguish you from another, but your legal name for Social Security purposes will be your first and last name only. Thus, you should correct your Social Security profile to reflect your correct first and last name and include your unique middle name for personal purposes to distinguish you from your sister. For additional awareness, SS last names are limited to 13 characters. Also, it’s not uncommon for many people to share the same first and last name (e.g., John Smith) in Social Security’s records – it’s the Social Security number associated with that name that counts.

Other factors might apply too, such as whether the Social Security cards and numbers you and your sister now have are new, or if either or both of you have been using those Social Security numbers for past employment purposes. In any case, those numbers have been assigned to you, so getting your profile to reflect your correct last name is important. It’s also important that each of you separately use only one Social Security card/number (you use one; your sister the other).

To correct your name with Social Security, you should fill out and submit form SSA-5, which you can download/print at this link: https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf. Note that the form is used to apply for a new card, get a replacement card or to change information for an existing Social Security number. The form includes complete instructions on how to fill it out, and you can submit it via the U.S. Post Office to your local Social Security office, the mailing address for which you can find at www.ssa.gov/locator. Take note of the form’s instructions for including additional documentation for identification purposes. I suggest that you and your sister both do this separately, each of you taking ownership of one of the Social Security numbers. When Social Security processes your name change, they will schedule an appointment to discuss any remaining questions they may have. They will notify you via U.S. mail of the date/time of the appointment and the next steps to be taken.

Since all Social Security offices are temporarily closed to public access due to the pandemic, you can do this transaction entirely over the phone if you wish, but you will need to first call for an appointment. If you choose the phone method over submitting form SSA-5, you should call 1-800-772-1213, and request an appointment to correct your name on Social Security’s records. They will send you an appointment notice, at which you will be able initiate the name change process (you’ll still need to provide them with identification documents via the U.S. mail).

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor at AMAC.



In Past Pages

5 years (May 19, 2016)

The Barre Fire Department responded to a structure fire on James Street at 5:09 a.m. Saturday, May 14 when dispatch received two calls from neighbors. Dispatch toned both stations. Police units evacuated neighbors. Barre EMS also responded to the scene. Soon command struck a second alarm and then a third alarm. Hubbardston fire responded with an engine and three firefighters. North Brookfield RIT and Hardwick were also dispatched. Westminster covered station 1. There was a Mayday call when one firefighter that entered the building along with several others to check for any possible occupants could not breath. Command requested ambulances from Hubbardston, Oakham and Rutland. Command advised that there were three patients. Templeton and New Braintree Fire Departments also responded.

Barre selectmen granted Spartan Race a special event permit for June 4 and 5 at Carter Stevens Farms, West Street. A spokesman for the Spartan Race explained race promoters anticipated about 12,500 people at the race with the numbers split about 50% each day. This year all parking will be on Sunrise Avenue and shuttles will take people back and forth. At the race site, there would be about 50 handicapped parking spots, the only parking permitted there.

Only 96 of the 1,303 registered voters or approximately 13.6% went to the polls Monday, May 16 for the annual Oakham town election. There was just one contest on the ballot, a three-year term to the library trustees. Lisa Huntington, 532 Bechan Road, won re-election with 68 votes to 17 by challenger, L. Brynee Stark, 680 Spencer Road.

10 years (May 19, 2011)

The cold and rainy weather did not deter Oakham voters on Monday. Four hundred eighty-seven or over 37% of the 1,292 registered voters in town went to the polls for the annual town election. The selectman’s race was the only contest on the ballot. William A. Storie of 59 Crawford Road won a three-year term to the board of selectmen and received 375 votes. His opponent, Carl W. Lindley Jr. of 183 Crawford Road got 110 votes. Clayton E. Rice of 444 Coldbrook Road decided not to seek another term to the board.

“Your have to forget yourself and do as much as you can for your friends and neighbors,” said Ruth Robinson, a Petersham resident, who has been chosen a 2011 Unsung Heroine of Massachusetts by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women. Robinson has been practicing what she preaches for many years. Although she has served Petersham in many capacities, perhaps she is best know in town for the encouragement she gives to those townspeople she knows are enduring lengthy hospital stays. Ruth writes them what she calls “little nonsense letters” telling them news about the town, what she did that day, who she might have seen at the store and anything else that she thinks might hold their interest and lift their spirits.

LOOK BACK  
Tree on Barre Common - 1995



Workers from Quaboag Tree Service remove a damaged tree from Barre Common. In the past few years, several trees on the Common have been lost to disease. Although they will be replaced with new trees, residents will miss these gnarled old sentinels.

Kathleen and Christopher Moran of Root Road, Barre adopted a Border collie mix named Brody on April 16 from Second Chance Animal Shelter in East Brookfield. They lost their 13-year old dog a month before and they almost lost Brody after having him for a little over a week. On Easter Sunday evening, Christopher walked him in their yard on a retractable leash. He accidentally dropped the leash and Brody took off. The sound of the leash dragging behind him (it was locked in place) frightened him and he ran down Road to South Road. The Morans made posters with Brody’s picture along with information about the dog and hung them throughout town. They found him on Thursday. It was nice weather and staff at the Stetson School administration building had the windows open. They heard barking in the distance and called the Morans. The first trip to the site they heard nothing, but when they went back to put down some food, Christopher heard one bark. He found Brody all tangled up in the woods.

25 years (May 16, 1996)

Cpl. James R. Hardaker, formerly of Barre and Hubbardston, crew chief of the helicopter CH46E, along with the pilot and crewmembers, flew President William Clinton and his staff over the floodwaters of Portland, Oregon this past February. The President was assessing the damages caused by heavy rains and snow. In March, Cpl. Hardaker was appointed crew chief instructor of weapons and tactics after completing the course with an average of 94.3. He is currently stationed at El Toro Marine Air Base in Santa Ana, Calif. Cpl. Hardaker is the son of Timothy Hardaker of Hubbardston and Sharon Hardaker of North Waterboro, Maine. He is the grandson of Myra Hardaker and the late Russell Hardaker of Barre.

Quabbin Regional High School’s NJROTC Company recently returned from a spring vacation trip. While an April snowstorm left snow piled up to 10 inches deep in the field surrounding Westover Air Force Base, 35 cadets and chaperons boarded a Navy C-9 passenger aircraft for Norfolk, Virginia. An hour later, they landed in the sunny, 80-degree weather of Naval Air Station Norfolk and drove south to

occupy their temporary barracks at Camp Pendleton Virginia National Guard Base in Virginia Beach.

On April 24, New Braintree Grange #170 held its Community Citizens Award Night. Rose Rabeschnuk, a lifelong resident of Hardwick with strong ties to the local communities,, was this year’s recipient. Three generations of her family have attended the Hardwick schools. Rose is a member of the Gilbertville Congregational Church and has been a member of its and chairman of the Prudential Committee for 20 years. She was one of the original “Friends of Gilbertville Organ” well before any group was formed to claim that name.

38 years (May 19, 1983)

On Friday morning at 8 a.m. the Quabbin Regional High School Symphonic winds and the Quabbin Regional High School choruses will board buses and head for Colchester, Vermont. Colchester is located about four miles north of Burlington, right on the shore of Lake Champlain. The reason for the trip is to complete the second half of the exchange concert program, which saw the Colchester High School Band and Chorus here in Barre for three days between April 8 and 10.

The third annual Lions Club flea market will be held on the historic Petersham Common from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 21. Dealers from throughout the area will be offering everything from household items to antiques. Again this year, the Petersham Lions will be providing both a breakfast and a luncheon menu so be sure to bring a hearty appetite.

The Quabbin JV softball team, under Coach Mike Richard, continues to excel as it currently picked up an eighth win in a row and its ninth overall this season. Leading the team this year is first year pitcher, Tracy Baldwin, a sophomore out for the team for her first time. Tracy has won all six games she’s pitched this year. Catcher Vickie McDonald, perhaps one of the most feared hitters in the league, is always a threat to take any pitch thrown to her out of sight.

Letter to the Editor

An open letter to Seven Hills/Stetson School

It was a pleasure to attend the Dec. 21, 2020 Selectman’s meeting where Police Chief John Carbone spoke about Barre’s assets being utilized to remedy the two COVID-19 runaways from the Stetson School ( Seven Hills). We thank Chief Carbone for his compassion and enthusiastic demeanor for servicing the Barre Community.

Chief Carbone detailed the process that was necessary, in below freezing weather in returning two, COVID-positive individuals to the school, which included canine units, State Police, helicopters and rescue equipment. All the services were balanced and well orchestrated. Thank you Chief John Carbone.

These actions were clearly not without significant financial drain to Barre’s minimal treasury.

At the same meeting, there was acknowledgment of a yearly gifting of monies from the Insight Meditation Center, for \$29,000. IMS, is an organization who thus far has never required any search and rescue services.

So my question to Seven Hills: When will you step up and address this disparity? Both organizations are tax-exempt. Yet one organization helps out, yet rarely generates any cost to the town.

In comparison, Seven Hills, on numerous occasions requires the town’s personal resources, having thus far, to our understanding not stepped up. I ask you step up Seven Hills and be appreciative.

Seven Hills is an organization whose annual revenue is over \$200 million that can afford to collectively compensate three top management about 1 million dollars annually.

Barre can ill afford to regularly underwrite the deployment, Reverse 911, of esoteric services and resources as it has been doing over the years.

I ask you, Seven Hills to be a good neighbor and address this disparities, as if they were your own, for the fact that this is your community and Barre’s needs are implicit in your schools prosperity.

I have a resident of Barre since 1975, when Stetson School respected Barre’s bucolic, harmonious environment where many symbiotic relationships exist.

Samuel Lipson  
Barre

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# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Mother’s Day was a lovely day with the weather cooperating so well. Rietta Ranch was very busy and I did get some nice things there and then went to Walmart to spend my Mother’s Day Gift Card. One of the things I bought was another “Knock Out Rose” as they grow very well here on Serenity Hill. I also bought a packet of seeds of Coleus as I want to try to grow some from seed. I usually have two big pots of them on each deck as they do well in the shade. I find you have to keep pitching them to make them spread out. I have two plants that I have increased considerably by doing this.

Things that are pretty at Serenity Hill right now are the Crab Apple Tree, Flowering Quince, PJM bush and the Sand Cherry. The Azaleas are starting to bloom and the Primroses are at their peak. I have only two colors and will try to get some more colors. I have the marooni red with the yellow center and one yellow one. I had a white one with a frilly leaf but I don’t see it blooming yet. It usually does come later than the others. They are all under an apple tree and seem to like it there. I did find you have to divide them often.

My friend from N.H. sent

me some rhubarb recipes so that reminded me that I have to check the rhubarb in the vegetable garden to see if it is ready. I think I will make this recipe when it is ready to pick.

**Rhubarb Relish**

1 cup sugar  
3/4 cup cider vinegar  
1/2 cup water  
1/2 tsp. salt  
whole cloves  
mustard seed  
1/4 tsp. cinnamon, allspice or nutmeg  
1 lbs. rhubarb (4 cups) cut into 1 inch pieces  
1 large onion  
1 cup chopped pitted dates  
1/2 cup golden or dark raisins

Combine sugar, vinegar, water, cloves salt, mustard seed cinnamon and allspice. Heat to boiling stirring until sugar dissolves. Boil 5 minutes. Add rhubarb and onion Bring to a boil. Cover and simmer 45 minutes. Stir occasionally. Add dates and raisins. Cook, partially covered on low for 30 minutes. Be careful to stir as it may burn. Mixture should be thick. Store in clean hot jars. Store in refrigerator or freezer.

**This and That**

Have been bringing the annu-

als in and out on nights that look like it may be 32 or below. I have most of the things planted in pots that are moveable. Planted up a window box of five different herbs that is moveable so I bring that into the garden shed when it is cold.

Guess I have to wait for the full moon before anything can be planted in the ground. The hostas are making an appearance all over the hill. I keep all the small varieties around the crab apple tree in the front yard. I do plan to make up a small container with some of the miniature ones. Hostas are very hard to divide once they get big.

Ferns like my shade also. I have some Maiden Hair Ferns and Japanese Ferns that seem to like it here. The Maiden Hair Fern is spreading each year. The Epimediums are doing well and blossoming among the hosta plants. I want to add more things to the woodland garden as most of the daffodils have gone by.

Have a good week and get that walk in on nice days. If you get a mosquito bite vanilla is suppose to help sooth it. There are ticks out so do check your body each evening before bed.

# In My Backyard by Ellenor Downer

I received a letter from a Ware resident, who reported a new bird visitor in her backyard April 23. She said, “It was a bird I had not seen before and I could not find reference to it in my bird book. As it pecked away in the grass, I thought it was somewhat larger than a pigeon or dove. It had a brownish colored body with dark brown or black spots over the back and sides. From what I could see of its underside, it was a lighter in color, maybe a gray color. It had an oval of red on its upper neck or lower head and a bib of black on its lowers neck or upper chest. Other than the red and black, its neck was lighter in color, not the spotted colors like the rest of its body. It had a longer bill rather than a short beak.”

The bird she saw was the common or northern flicker. Flickers are often seen eating ants on the ground. Since she did not describe a black mustache, which males have, it

was most likely a female flicker. There song is a loud “wick, wick, wick, wick” and the notes either “klee-yer” or “flick-a, flick-a.” Flickers inhabit parks, suburbs, woodlands and farmland. The female lays seven to nine white eggs in nest cavity in a tree or a nest box. Besides ants, which make up 45% of their diet, flickers catch insects in the air and eats fruit, berries and seeds.

**Migrants returning**

This is a great time to look for birds as many of the migrant species are returning for the summer. A Barre resident called recently to report seeing hummingbirds and rose-breasted grosbeaks in her yard. I saw a male hummingbird and a catbird on May 2 and a Baltimore oriole on May 7. I now have the female hummingbirds. As soon as I saw an oriole, I put out an orange half. The catbird and red-bellied woodpecker also like the orange. This week I saw a pair of cat-

birds and a pair of yellowthroats. I have not seen any rose-breasted grosbeaks yet or any female orioles, but I look everyday.

**Geese with goslings**

Monday I saw Canada geese parents walking their five goslings along the road. They went into my hayfield to eat grass. They came from a beaver pond on the opposite side of the road. There is also a beaver pond abutting the hayfield. The last gosling had trouble walking over several sticks in the bar way to the field. It started to head back toward the road, but a parent called it back. This time it managed to walk over the sticks. The goslings were quite small.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

## Guest column

### Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,

I have been into mischief all week and Missy is ready to disown me. She told me I certainly wasn’t a “saint” and thought I could get away with everything. I have had several “scoldings” this week from Missy.

Frankly, I missed them when I was being so good. This week I messed up the newspapers in the living room, tipped over the three small waste baskets, knocked down the canes and spilled some bird seed. Otherwise, I was very good about eating my food and sleeping with Missy at night.

However, this morning I was

tempted again to get into trouble when I saw where Missy’s daughter put her newly washed clothes and clothes basket. The basket was on her bed right near the edge. So I jumped up on the bed and decided to hop into the basket for a nap. However, the basket had different ideas and tipped over off the bed and onto the flow with me under it. The larger clothes came down on top of me and the smaller things went everywhere.

Since the clothes basket had handles on each end, I was able to wiggle out from underneath. At first, I was worried and thought I would have to meow

loudly for Missy’s help.

Right then and there, I decided I better get out of the bedroom and find something other to do. I remembered I had been playing with the little lamb from the farm set earlier that day and had left it under the rocking chair in the living room for later use. So I guess, it is time for a little more batting practice today, Whee, this is fun. That lamb sure moves fast.

Enjoy the spring weather and wear those darn masks folks.

Love,  
Gertrude



### BARRE, continued from page 1

property and overseen by the commissioners. The town administrator said Felton Field would be used for the town’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The finance committee reviewed the treasurer/collector’s budget. The assistant treasurer would be working the same hours, but she would be spending three days in the treasurer office and two days for the fire

department. The town recently hired an assistant treasurer/collector. The finance committee chair said she would like to hear from the treasurer on what his tax title plans were. She said the town fell behind in this process before and wanted to keep it up to date.

The town administrator said a feasibility study for a fire station was the first step in the process for a new fire station. The study, which would take four to six months, would give a cost estimate. The town had a max-

imum of \$45,000 to spend on the study. The process of building a new station from start to finish would take about four or five years.

Town administrator Sizer said the first of two payments of the American Recovery Fund would probably come mid-June and the second payment next year. She said she didn’t know the guidelines for the use of the fund at this time, but broadband expansion was a possible use for some of the funds.

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BARRE FARMERS' MARKET will be held Saturdays now through October on South Common in Barre from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The market features local farmers, crafters and more.

THE WORCESTER CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY will stream its annual senior concert, an all-Mozart concert at 4 p.m. The performance, recorded at Briarwood Retirement Community is free for all senior citizens residing in Worcester County. The Dr. Ted Conna Memorial Concert will be available on demand now through June 30. Tickets are free to all senior residents of Worcester County; \$20 for adults or \$38 for a household; \$5 for students; youth (17 and under) and EBT card holders are free. People may go online to [www.worcesterchambermusic.org](http://www.worcesterchambermusic.org) for tickets.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

BARRE FOOD PANTRY will hold food distributions at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre from 5:30-7 p.m. It is a drive through style. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance

driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

GARDNER AREA LEAGUE OF ARTISTS will host a spring and music art show at The Red Apple Farm, 455 Highland Avenue, Phillipston May 21-23. There will be live music all weekend as well as raffles, auctions and refreshments. Today there will be an artists' reception from 6-9 p.m. and an awards presentation at 7 p.m. The show will be open on Saturday, May 22 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 23 from noon-4 p.m., raffle/auction winners and people's choice awards will be announced at 3:30 p.m. For more information, people may visit [www.galagardner.org](http://www.galagardner.org), email [info@galagardner.org](mailto:info@galagardner.org) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/galagardner](https://facebook.com/galagardner). It is funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

REIGNING CATS AND DOGS EXHIBIT will be

on display at ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St., Ware, now through June 27. An in-person artist's reception will be held Saturday, May 22 from 3-7 p.m. Exhibition hours will be May 22 to June 27 on Fridays from 4-8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from noon-5 p.m. For more information or people may visit [workshop13.org](http://workshop13.org) for a printable entry form or contact ArtWorks Gallery at [artworks@workshop13.org](mailto:artworks@workshop13.org) or 413-277-6072.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS of Western Massachusetts will be holding its 21st Annual Virtual Walkathon, "A Journey of Hope and Recovery" beginning at 11 a.m. The event is suitable for all ages and abilities. Funds raised will directly benefit NAMI Western Massachusetts continuing efforts to help increase awareness and provide essential education, advocacy and support group programs for the people in the community living with mental health conditions and their loved ones. For further information, people may please contact 413-786-9139 or visit [www.namiwm.org/events](http://www.namiwm.org/events) for entry and sponsorship forms.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 4 Maple St., Oakham will host a Zoom book talk with author Ben Montgomery at 7 p.m. He will talk about his book "Grandma Gatewood's Walk." People may register at the library or online at [www.oakham-ma.gov](http://www.oakham-ma.gov), call 508-882-3372 or email [library@oakham-ma.gov](mailto:library@oakham-ma.gov).

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

TRI-PARISH PLANT SALE will be held on Hardwick Common, Rte. 32, in Hardwick Center today and Sunday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Besides plants the event includes a bake, craft and tag sale. Proceeds benefit the Tri-Parish Community Church.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

FRIENDS OF STONE CHURCH CONCERT Summer Swing by the Weir River Jazz will be held today from 2-4 p.m. on the lawn at the Stone Church (Gilbertville Trinitarian Church), Rte. 32, Gilbertville. The concert is free and supported in part by the Mass Cultural Council grant. People are invited to bring a lawn chair or blanket. Refreshments will be available.

## Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from Petersham. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email [edownner@turley.com](mailto:edownner@turley.com) or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, May 17. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Dick Clark, Stephen Craven and Evelyn Luukko correctly identified the photo. Last week's photo was Oakham Wildlife Management Area on Lincoln Road in Oakham.

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worker for the elementary schools. There is only one social worker for the entire district. "She can't address all of the needs of the families that are struggling," Dr. Muir said.

The district plans to move the existing preschool programs back to Hardwick and Ruggles Lane, and add more in Hubbardston and New Braintree, giving each member town their own preschool. Muir said they will keep the sixth grade at the middle school for an additional year as this will save them from needing to fill two classroom teacher positions. The district will also be looking to hire a high school computer teacher.

Muir said they are trying to create a sustainable budget, supplemented by pandemic relief funds, to eliminate a "funding cliff" when federal funding runs out.

Cheryl Duval, director of administrative services, said the overall budget saw an increase of 1.7% from last year. Hardwick's assessment is an increase of 4.35%. Duval said the increase for Hardwick came as a bit of a shock to School Committee members, and it is due to the 1.2% increase in enrollment in Hardwick.

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to see no aerial spraying in target areas. She said the product used contained carcinogens, did not break down in the environment and the risk of EEE was low. She said an alternative was spray by truck and to spread hay in remote areas to deter mosquito growth. Select board member Chris Parego made a motion to eliminate all mosquito spraying this year in town. Select board member Katie Young seconded the motion. Galante said he was concerned if the town had a mosquito problem could the town revisit spraying with the state mosquito control board. Select board vice-chair Jeff Williams had a similar concern. Young said many people already spray their yards and the chemical did not go away. The board voted three to two on the motion with Galante and Williams voting no.

**Reopening warrant**

The board voted to reopen the annual town meeting warrant to place an article for \$8,115 from free cash to cover the town's share

Duval said Chapter 70 funding only increased by .34%, and transportation went up 18.72%. Charter school reimbursement decreased by 77.61%.

Kemp thanked Muir and Duval for their presentation. Quink said it was "helpful to see those numbers come down," referring to the assessment.

**Highway Department budget**

Highway Superintendent Martin Gryszowka presented his department's budget for fiscal 2022. He said they took a lot of decreases for fiscal 2021, and fiscal 2022 is basically level funded from the department's fiscal 2020 budget. Gryszowka said they are about \$61,000 over this year's budget on snow and ice expenses, and they had budgeted \$70,000. He said he is barely going to make ends meet with what he was budgeted last year.

SelectBoard Vice-Chair Julie Quink asked if he had two open positions on the highway department. Gryszowka said he is short a laborer and a mower and he has to do something to fill those spots fast. The pay has been an issue with keeping existing employees and attracting new hires, he said. He and Lori Hoffman have spent many hours looking into this. He said the highway department also screens their own sand for snow

and ice, saving them a considerable amount of money.

Quink asked if the proposed increases for two of the positions were contractual. Gryszowka said they were not, but he is trying to keep the employees he has.

**Gilbertville Public Library**

Finance Committee Chair Cheryl Wolfe said she received the budget from the Gilbertville Public Library in the amount of \$24,266.

**Smith Vocational school assessment**

Hardwick has one student attending Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School at a cost of \$18,679. BOS Chair Kelly Kemp said they did not have transportation costs yet.

**Barre Senior Center**

Hardwick's assessment for combined services at the Barre Senior Center for fiscal 2022 is \$17,607.87.

**Joint meeting**

Kemp said they will need to speak with the Fire Department about their budget. The next joint meeting between the SelectBoard and the Finance Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 18, after the Personnel Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m.

## Haston Book Group meets May 25

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Haston Library Book Group's May meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 25, at 7 p.m., in person at the library and also via ZOOM. The group will be discussing "Behold the Dreamers" by Imbolo Mbue, described as: "A compulsively readable debut novel about marriage, immigration, class, race, and the trapdoors in the

American Dream—the unforgettable story of a young Cameroonian couple making a new life in New York just as the Great Recession upends the economy." Amazon copies are available in the library, and patrons are welcome to come in and get a copy. For more information and for the ZOOM link, call the library at 508-867-0208.



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Lind said they also hired NESDEC to provide a demographic study with enroll projections for 10 years out. Dupere Law Offices, a law firm that works with school districts, including regional school districts, provided counsel.

**Committee recommendation**

The grant's two questions the study answered were: "Should North Brookfield pursue regionalization?" and "If yes, then which district would be the best partner(s) for our community, Quabbin Regional School District, Quaboag Regional School District, or Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District?"

The committee agreed that pursuing regionalization with Quaboag Regional School District was the "best fit" for their community. Quaboag Regional School District has communities most similar to North Brookfield and its Junior/Senior High School is closer in proximity than Quabbin. Lind said they quickly eliminated Spencer-East Brookfield as a possibility, early in the study. He said both Quaboag and Quabbin offered programming that "impressed" the committee. Lind said Quaboag has school committee representation that is equal for all member towns, whereas Quabbin's is weighted, with some towns having larger representation based on population.

Lind said they learned from the experts that regionalization would not offer much in terms of financial savings, if any, but it would give students greater opportunities, including academics, athletics and more).

**Planning process**

Lind said that each town involved in the regionalization process, North Brookfield, West Brookfield and Warren, would each need to vote to form a Regional School District Planning Committee in a Special Town Meeting. He said if the vote is successful, each town's moderator would appoint three mem-

bers to the committee, including one School Committee member. They would all join together to form the Regional School District Planning Committee. Lind said the entire process could take several years to complete.

The Regional School District Planning Committee must submit a recommendation and proposed regional agreement, in addition to filing an application with the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to be approved by the Commissioner of Education. Each member town of the proposed region must approve the agreement at Special or Annual Town Meetings. "This is very complex," Lind said. "The checklist is about 10 pages long of things that need to happen. It's not an easy road, but it's certainly a road that's worth traveling if it's going to benefit our kids in the long run."

Lind said in order to begin the process to form this Regional School District Planning Committee the article would have to be approved at the Special Town Meeting. He said if the vote does not pass, "the process stops until there is another Special Town Meeting vote to again pursue regionalization."

**Public comment**

A resident asked Lind how many students were selecting school choice to Quabbin over Quaboag. Lind said he did not have the numbers on hand, but he would provide them through email. Committee member Elisabeth Melad said roughly \$300,000 is leaving North Brookfield to go to Quabbin, which is triple the amount being lost to Quaboag.

Another resident asked if they had detailed information as to why students are opting for school choice. Lind said, "in general its programming." He said academics, athletics, music, theater, are all given as reasons to school choice out.

A resident asked which grades would be regionalized and Lind said it would be pre-kindergarten to grade 12. "It would be the entire district," Lind said. He said most regionaliza-

tion agreements state that elementary students would attend school in their own town. When asked what would happen to the Jr./Sr. High School in town, Lind said one idea that was proposed was to create a middle school there, but he said it depends on enrollment numbers.

Ron Ryel said they have a significant number of students that leave their district to neighboring schools. He asked if the school could contact families that have opted for school choice to see if they would voluntarily give a reason as to why they left the district. Committee member Chet Lubelczyk said, "this is not a school choice issue...regionalization and school choice are two different issues." Lind said it does contribute to the financial impact, but this study focused on programming and what they could offer to students. Committee member Brandon Avery commented that, "it's getting more and more difficult to offer programming in North Brookfield."

John Magario, a parent of North Brookfield students, asked what programs would become available through regionalization. Lind said Quaboag offers impressive programming and included vocational classes.

School Committee Chair Maria Tucker said regionalizing is a serious decision that could take three to five years to achieve. Lind said, "this is not an easy process."

Resident and former member on the North Brookfield, East Brookfield and Spencer-East Brookfield school committees, Jim Metcalf, said, "Quaboag is probably the best choice of all," compared to the other districts to regionalize with. He said North Brookfield would be an equal partner in the Quaboag Regional School District if they pursued regionalization.

Lind said their goal for this presentation was to inform the public of their recommendation. A complete study result and more information about the regionalization process can be found online at <https://www.nbschools.org/school-committee/regionalization-study-committee>.





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## Spring season begins for Panthers

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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BARRE – After a long layoff, spring sports finally return to Quabbin Regional High School over the past week. Here is a look at some of the opening action:

In a very tight game on Monday afternoon, Quabbin found itself on the tough end of a close 2-0 shutout against Tyngsborough. Jacob Salvatore

and Collin Wallace pitched well in the defeat. Quabbin managed just four hits in the game.

Quabbin's opening game went a lot better with the Panthers completely getting the better of rival Gardner 28-1.

Jamison Howland had a four-hit day and the entire Panther offense was rounding the passes all afternoon in the win.

Salvatore started and went the first two innings while Brandon

Arsenault completed the game with a pair of innings himself with six strikeouts. Salvatore also scored five times, as did Kyle Nastasi and Collin Wallace. Gavin Price doubled twice and had four RBI.

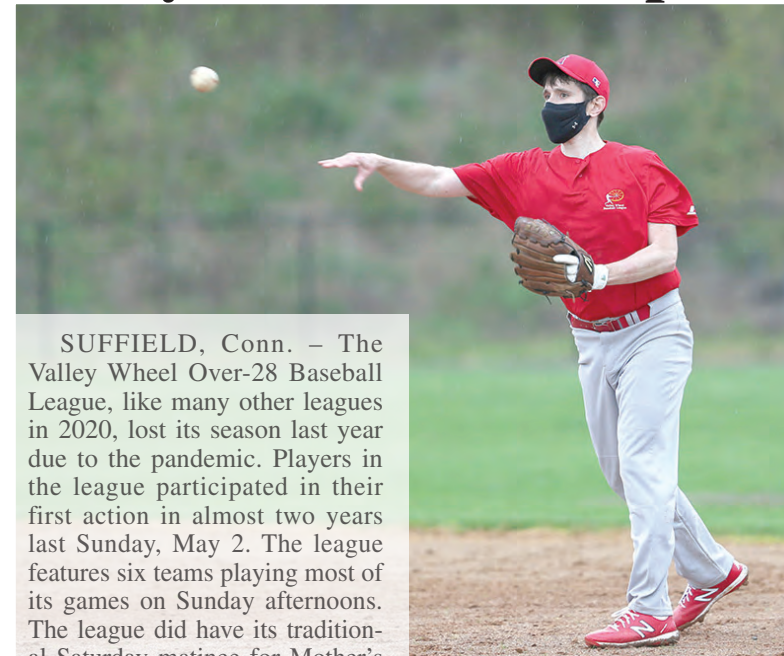
Quabbin's girls tennis team got out to a 2-0 start during the first week of the season, including a 4-1 win on Monday over Gardner High School.

In the win, Isabella Howard

scored a three-set win in the top singles position, coming from way behind in the first set, to winning the second and third sets 6-2, and outlasting the third set 7-5.

Sydney Bolger and Camden Dyer scored the sweep in singles competition for the Panthers while second doubles competitors Kathleen Haddad and Annabella Magill had a 6-0, 6-3 win to get a win.

## Valley Wheel action opens



SUFFIELD, Conn. – The Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League, like many other leagues in 2020, lost its season last year due to the pandemic. Players in the league participated in their first action in almost two years last Sunday, May 2. The league features six teams playing most of its games on Sunday afternoons. The league did have its traditional Saturday matinee for Mother's Day weekend this past week

Justin Morin makes a throw to first.



Kevin Little, of Palmer, pitches in the opening game for the Angels at Suffield High School.



Twins pitcher Dan Benoit fires to the plate.

## Pioneers return to action

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW — When Maxi Viera first joined the Western Mass. Pioneers back in 2012, he knew very little about the history of the club and about historic Lusitano Stadium.

Viera, who's originally from Montevideo, Uruguay, is one of the Pioneers veteran players on this year's team. He likes to tell the younger players how special it is to wear a Pioneers uniform and what it means to play home matches at the only soccer specific stadium in New England.

"Playing soccer matches at this stadium is very special because of the history," Viera said. "It's also very important for us to have a successful season every year because we're representing both the club and this community."

The Pioneers, who finished in first place in the Northeast Division standings with an 11-0-3 mark, qualified for the USL League Two playoffs in 2019. They kicked off the 2021 campaign by posting a 3-0 shutout win over Fall River FC in a friendly



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Maxi Viera makes a dodge to keep the ball from being taken away.

match held under the bright lights at Lusitano Stadium, last Friday night.

"The good thing about tonight's match is that I had the opportunity to watch 20 players play prior to our first regular season match," said Pioneer's head coach Federico

Molinari. "We do have a bunch of returning players and a couple of newcomers. We just want to be a competitive team again this year."

Because of the COVID-19 protocols, no spectators could attend last Friday's friendly match. The 2020 soccer season was also can-



Chaney Nash Gibney gets the ball ready to fly.

celed due to the pandemic.

"It was very strange not playing any matches for the Pioneers last year, especially following a very successful 2019 season," Viera said. "We really want to perform well this season and make the

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## Bryan Kruczek picks up win at Star Speedway

WALPOLE, N.H. -- Bryan Kruczek passed the entire field -- at least twice -- en route to his first career Granite State Pro Stock Series win at Star Speedway on Saturday, May 8. Kruczek, who was fastest in time trials and won his heat race, started seventh -- but had to go to the rear on at least two different occasions. The Bobby Webber Racing driver didn't let that slow him down, as he took the Vynorius No. 19 into Victory Lane in the third GSPSS race of the season, the Hedges Excavating 100.

"I'm out of breath," Kruczek said, climbing from the car. "I had to pass a lot of cars out there. I can't thank all of my guys enough, my guys are second to none. Bobby Webber lets me come out here and tells me to hand him the steering wheel or the trophy. We have some awesome sponsors."

Angelo Belsito and Joey Pole started on the front row -- with Belisto taking the early advantage looking for his second straight win, and former series champion Devin O'Connell mounting an early charge to the lead with 33 laps complete. Pole took the lead on a restart with 58 laps to go, but couldn't hold back the charges of Kruczek in the late laps.

Kruczek's day included con-



Submitted photos

Bryan Kruczek was the winner in the Granite State Pro Stock race last weekend.

tact and a spin by Jacob Dore, which sent both to the rear, and contact and a spin with Evan Beaulieu, which sent both to the rear. He pitted multiple times to the attention of his Bobby Webber Racing crew, but the car was right at the end. He passed Pole for the top spot with 24 laps to go -- however, a caution

late gave Pole on last chance.

Pole edged out for the lead on the restart, crossing the line out front at lap 94 -- but slight contact a few laps later sent him backwards, and eventually spinning down the frontstretch, ending his day early. Kruczek held

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## Premier Lacrosse League training camp to be held at Gillette

FOXBOROUGH – The Premier Lacrosse League (PLL) powered by Ticketmaster announced today it will be holding their 2021 Training Camp at Gillette Stadium from May 28 through June 3, 2021 leading up to their Week 1 matchups at Gillette Stadium.

"There's not a venue as closely connected to lacrosse, with world-class facilities and amenities like Gillette Stadium and One Patriot Place," says co-founder and CEO, Mike Rabil. "With our opening weekend of games slated for June 4th, our athletes will receive the best care while preparing for the start of the season on location."

During this time, PLL players will take part in official team practices, scrimmages, pre-season workouts, film sessions, and educational workshops with their coaches ahead of their regular season debuts. Training Camp will be closed to the public, but tickets are still available for Opening Weekend at

Ticketmaster.com.

"We look forward to hosting the PLL's Training Camp at Gillette Stadium for the first time this spring, in addition to hosting the league's Opening Weekend," said Kraft Group President-International Dan Kraft, who was a collegiate lacrosse goalie for Tufts University in the 1980s and served on the executive Board of the 2018 Federation of International Lacrosse's World Championships Host Committee. "Hosting training camp is another important step in our strong relationship with the PLL and we cannot wait to welcome the nation's best lacrosse players, including former Patriot Chris Hogan, back to Gillette Stadium. While training camp will be closed to the public, we are excited to welcome fans to Gillette Stadium June 4 through June 6 to enjoy five riveting PLL matchups all weekend long."

As part of PLL's Training Camp, pre-season exhibition games will be hosted at Veterans

Memorial Stadium on June 1. More information on schedule and tickets for pre-season exhibition games forthcoming.

The PLL season will begin at Gillette Stadium for the second time, getting underway with a primetime matchup between Cannons LC and Redwoods LC under the lights on Friday, June 4. Saturday's slate includes a championship rematch between Whipsnakes LC and Chaos LC, followed by Archers LC taking on Atlas LC. On Sunday afternoon, Cannons LC will return to the field against Waterdogs LC, and the weekend will be capped off with a matchup between Chrome LC and Redwoods LC.

The entire 2021 PLL season will be viewable on the NBCU family of networks, with all games available to stream live and on-demand on Peacock. The 2021 season will feature more than half of its games on NBC and NBCSN, with a full broadcast schedule to be announced at a later date.

## Photos wanted for Panthers sports

BARRE – With the upcoming season and a limited number of games and opportunities to feature current athletes, the Barre Gazette is

in need of and is welcoming any and all photo submissions of Fall 2 sports beginning next week. If you are interested in either taking

or submitting photos from Quabbin games for use in the Barre Gazette, please contact editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com.

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Education

Future Educator Academy recruits from underrepresented populations

FITCHBURG — A new initiative at Fitchburg State University is designed to address the nation’s changing demographics by recruiting and training future educators from traditionally underrepresented populations. The Future Educator Academy is designed to address ongoing demographic shifts, according to Lourdes Ramirez, coordinator of field placements, partnerships and recruitment for Fitchburg State’s School of Education. About 40% of the state’s public school students are of color, but only 8% of their teachers come from minority groups. Research has shown that stu-

dents of color are less likely to drop out if they have at least one teacher of color, Ramirez said. “We know that students who attend urban schools, regardless of their ethnic or socioeconomic background, bring important knowledge and experiences from living in a diverse environment,” she added. The academy’s programs will focus on culturally relevant education that values students’ cultural, linguistic and ethnic contributions as future teachers. “We are excited about engaging high school students with our community at Fitchburg State,” Ramirez said. “This is a great opportunity for students who are consid-

ering becoming an educator in the future, or those who want to further explore education. This initiative will impact the diversity gap in the teaching population and ultimately benefit all students.” The first cohort of students, hailing from Fitchburg High School and Leominster High School, recently gathered on Fitchburg State’s campus for CPR/AED training. The course, taught by Fitchburg State University Police Officer Timothy Grant, resulted in certification for all the participants. The academy is still accepting students from Fitchburg High and Leominster High. Academy students will earn a leadership certificate from

Fitchburg State, as well as university credits that can be applied to their first year of college. They will also earn badges to build their resumes and gain knowledge and experience working with groups. Some of the badges include learning how to facilitate group activities; how to support students with mental health issues; working with underserved, traditionally marginalized, and disenfranchised students; and career planning. The future educators will be participating in internships and community engagement. To learn more, people may contact Ramirez at 978-665-3685 or at lramire1@fitchburgstate.edu.

MWCC launches computer science degree

GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College announces the launch of its computer science degree for fall 2021 enrollment. In addition, MWCC Computer Information Systems and Computer Science students will be guaranteed admission to Fitchburg State University under a new agreement signed by the presidents of the two institutions. MWCC’s mission is to expand opportunity, equity and social justice by offering open-door admission to affordable programs for a diverse population of students. Computer science and the technologies it enables are used by virtually every industry to drive operations and inform decisions. In turn, these technologies provide numerous opportunities for economic growth, stability and success for the workforce. In Central Massachusetts, the demand for computer science professionals is growing. Job growth for Computer Network Architects is growing at 8.18 percent, Web Developers at 13.24 percent and Information Security Analysts at a staggering 31.51 percent according to data by the Commonwealth’s Department of Unemployment Assistance, Economic Research Department. “The addition of the Computer

Science degree program and our partnership with Fitchburg State will afford students from varying backgrounds the opportunity to succeed, transfer and become valuable contributors to the economy of North Central Massachusetts,” said James Vander Hooven, President of Mount Wachusett Community College. “Creating pathways for students to achieve their goals and pursue meaningful opportunities is central to Fitchburg State’s mission,” said Fitchburg State President Richard S. Lapidus. “Agreements like this pact with MWCC illustrate our shared commitment to serving this region’s residents and businesses.” Students graduating from Mount Wachusett Community College in the Computer Science or Computer Information Systems program with a qualitative grade point average of 2.0 or greater may transfer to the corresponding Fitchburg State University program with between 62 and 75 transfer credits. Advancing on to earning a bachelor’s degree will increase student’s employability and earning potential in a growing field. To learn more about MWCC’s Computer Science and Computer Information Systems degree programs people may visit mwcc.edu/programs.

FSU and FAM renew agreement

FITCHBURG — A newly reauthorized pact between Fitchburg State University and the Fitchburg Art Museum will deepen the collaboration between two of the city’s most important and enduring institutions, enriching opportunities for programming and professional development for both organizations that are designed to enhance the quality of life for all city residents. The agreement, signed Thursday, April 29 by Fitchburg State President Richard S. Lapidus and FAM Director Nicholas Capasso, calls for both institutions “to engage in activities that are mutually beneficial, as well as activities that help support the economy, livability, and quality of life in the city of Fitchburg and North Central Massachusetts.” “Fitchburg State University and the Fitchburg Art Museum have enjoyed a long and significant history of mutually beneficial collaboration, and this new agreement further formalizes opportunities for us to work together on projects that will

have meaningful impacts on students, faculty, and the broader community,” President Lapidus said. “I am grateful for the partnership and excited about the potential for growth the updated agreement will help facilitate.” Among other facets, the pact will make FAM the de facto art museum for Fitchburg State, with free admission for all university students, faculty and staff, along with FAM’s participation in class and curriculum planning for a variety of university disciplines from art, art history and communications media to business administration, education, history and the humanities. FAM will also provide university students with additional high-quality internship opportunities in fields including management, curation, conservation, and exhibition planning. Fitchburg State will also work with FAM on developing new undergraduate and graduate programs using the museum as the applied learning context, such as degrees in arts management or museum studies or a graduate certificate in digital curation.

HCC board votes to freeze student fees

HOLYOKE — Citing the financial hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Holyoke Community College Board of Trustees unanimously voted recently to freeze student fees for the upcoming academic year. The vote locks HCC’s Educational Service Fee at \$188 per credit and the Student Service Fee at \$145 per semester for fiscal year 2022, which begins July 1. Over the past five years HCC has raised fees by about 5% annually. Tuition for all the community colleges in Massachusetts is set by the state. At HCC, tuition is \$24 per credit, a number that has not changed in more than 10 years. “Holyoke Community College is fortunate to have a Board of Trustees that recognizes the financial hardships brought on by this pandemic, and understands that many of our students have been disproportionately impacted,” said HCC president Christina Royal. “The decision to freeze fees, as well as greater investments in student supports that address food insecurity, mental health, and digital equity, mean that students will

have more resources and financial support to attend HCC now and in the future.” The vote came at the recommendation of Narayan Sampath, vice president of Administration and Finance, and the college Audit and Finance committees. “We solicited input from our Student Senate, the Budget Advisory Committee and the Comptroller’s office in making this recommendation,” Sampath said. “The overwhelming feedback we got was that if we can afford it, it would be very helpful to our current and potential students if we do not raise fees.” Since the pandemic began, HCC has received more than \$3.7 million in higher education relief funds for direct student financial support. That has enabled HCC to provide \$550 block grants to every student enrolled for the fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters. Those grants, and other incentives, are likely to be available again for the fall 2021 semesters. In addition, HCC has received more than \$7 million in stimulus money to cover additional expenses incurred during the pandemic.

AIC named Military Friendly® school

SPRINGFIELD — American International College announced it has earned the 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School designation. Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. More than 1,200 schools participated in the 2021-2022 survey with 747 earning the designation. The 2021- 2022 Military Friendly® Schools list will be published in the May issue of G.I. Jobs magazine and can be found at www.militaryfriendly.com. Methodology and criteria were determined by VIQTORY with input from the Military Friendly® Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution’s survey response set and government/agency public data sources within a

logic based scoring assessment. The institution’s ability to meet thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer) and loan default rates for all students are measured. “American International College is proud to be recognized as an institution that assists men and women who serve our country,” says AIC President Vince Maniaci. “The college appreciates the value of the many educational and leadership experiences that occur in the Armed Forces, and the excellent foundation that military service provides. In turn, we give transfer credits for students’ time in the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, helping active duty service members and veterans get a head start on earning their degrees.” More information about AIC’s commitment to attracting and supporting military students can be found online at aic.edu.

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playoffs again.” What makes attending matches at Lusitano Stadium so special for the Pioneers faithful supporters is the atmosphere. “It reminds me a lot of that soccer clubs that I played for back in Uruguay,” Viera added. “The soccer fans here have a lot of passion for the sport. It’s one of the reasons why we have so many international players on our team. When they come here and it feels like home to them, which is very special.” The Pioneers were scheduled to open the regular season with a road match against the Boston Bolts on Tuesday night. They’re also slated to play another road match against FC Malaga City, who’s a new team in the Northeast Division on Saturday night before hosting the Seacoast United Phantoms in the home opener on May 21. The Pioneers officials are hoping a few fans will be allowed to attend the first home match of the regular season. For more information about how to purchase tickets online please visit wmpioneers.com. Another returning player this season is Blake Mullen, who’s the Pioneers starting goalkeeper. He allowed a total of seven goals during the 2019 regular season. “Whenever you start a soc-

cer team, you normally begin at the back (goalkeeper) and work forward,” said Viera, who’s also the girls’ varsity soccer coach at Ludlow High School. “Blake had an amazing season for us two years ago. It gives you a lot of confidence having a talented goalie like him back there. We’re hoping he has another great season this year.” Mullen, of Manchester, Conn., played soccer at St. Joseph’s College in Maine. That’s where he first met Molinari. “I was playing for a National Premiere Soccer League team in Maine and Federico found me,” Mullen said. “I tried out for the team and I was a backup goalie my first year playing here. It was a step up for me and I learned a lot that season. Federico is an outstanding coach. I’ve also learned a lot from Jon Voight, who’s our goalie coach.” Mullen became the Pioneers starter in 2019 and he was the USL League Two Golden Glove winner that season. “It’s a very special award to me, but I couldn’t have done it without the help of my defense,” he said. “We had a great defense, and it was a special season for us.” The Pioneers only returning defender is Federico Gutierrez. Mullen has enjoyed playing home matches at Lusitano Stadium. “It’s awesome when all of the fans are here supporting us,”

Mullen said. “It pushes us to play a little bit harder because whenever you do lose a game at this stadium, the fans are disappointed. The atmosphere is always great following a victory.” Mullen was replaced by Robert Montanaro in the middle of the second half. Another returning player is Connor Hicks, who lives in Monson. “I was mainly a practice player in 2019, but I did get to play in a playoff game,” said Hicks, a member of the AIC men’s soccer team. “It was just an awesome experience for me.” When Hicks was younger, he attended a lot of the Pioneers games at the stadium. “I remember coming to the Pioneers games when they played on a grass field,” Hicks said. “It’s now a turf field, but it’s one of the best stadiums I’ve ever played soccer at. I really enjoy playing soccer for this team. I know that I’ll have to work very hard at practice to get some playing time this year.” One of the Pioneers newcomers is Gabriel Ganzer, who is from Brazil and is living in Chicopee. He scored a goal and added an assist during the first half against Fall River. Guillermo Deal, who’s a returning player, and newcomer Andrew Barrowman scored the Pioneers other two goals.



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# Church News

## Local pastors offer sermons

### Names and Titles of Jesus Pt. 4

The Bible employs an array of names and titles used in reference to Jesus. Each provides unique insight into His nature and work. Moreover, each helps us to understand the role He should and must play in our lives, shaping how we live before Him. Let us consider the following designations of Christ:

1) Only Begotten Son  
**John 3:16 (KJV)**

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

The phrase “only begotten” translates the Greek word monogenes. This title has caused some controversy over the centuries as false teachers have used it to bolster their teaching that Jesus is not God, but a creation of God. What they fail to consider is that “only begotten” is an English translation of a Greek term. Therefore, we must look to the original language.

Thus said, what does monogenes mean?

Firstly, it pertains to “being the only one of its kind within a specific relationship.” This is its meaning in Hebrews 11:17, wherein Isaac is referred to as Abraham’s “only begotten son.” Abraham did, in fact, have more than one son, but Isaac was the only son he had by his wife Sarah and the only son of divine promise. Similarly, though God has many sons-and daughters-by creation or adoption, He shares a singular bond with Christ. Thus, no one can know or reveal the Father quite like the Son (as noted in the following text):

**Matthew 11:27 (NIV, Jesus Speaking)**

27 “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

Secondly, the term pertains to ““being the only one of its kind or class.” The apostle John was primarily concerned with demonstrating the deity of Christ (John 20:31) and he uses monogenes to highlight Jesus’ divine essence. Once again, we may be sons and daughters of God by creation or adoption, but only Jesus is a “Son” by very nature! He alone possesses the attributes of deity that are beyond any and all capacity to mirror or mimic (e.g., omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, sovereignty, eternity, etc.).

Ultimately, when the Bible speaks of Christ as being the “only begotten” Son, it serves to spotlight His unique character and position. There is no one in or beyond the whole of creation that is on the same level as Jesus-by nature or by relationship. This raises a vital question: “How should we respond to this principle?” Let us heed the call of God the Father in the following selection of Scripture:

**Matthew 17:1b-5**

1 . . . Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. 4 Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters-one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.

Listen to him!”

2) Firstborn

**Colossians 1:15-18**

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

The title “firstborn” like “only begotten” above-has often been used by cults to imply that Jesus is not God, but a creation of God. Once again, such an erroneous belief is rooted in a lack of insight into the language, culture and traditions of the ancient people of God.

It is important to understand the place and role of the firstborn son in the ancient Hebrew family unit. The firstborn received a double portion of the family estate (Deut. 21:17) and had the right to the blessing of his father (Gen. 27). The blessing the firstborn received included leadership of the family and a right to the intangible assets of the family (e.g., in the case of Isaac and Jacob, the intangible assets were the covenant promises that passed to them from Abraham and through them to their descendants). The firstborn, then, was the head of the family through whom material and spiritual blessings were channeled.

Now we can begin to see the significance of this title when applied to Christ (Col. 1:15-18). Christ is the “blessed” of God the Father who has preeminence and primacy as the leader of the family of God. Moreover, Christ is the conduit through whom the blessings of God are channeled. These elements are all wonderfully expressed in Colossians 1. Take a moment to read this expanded excerpt:

**Colossians 1:15-23**

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation- 23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

How should we respond to Christ as the “firstborn?” Let us recognize that He is the “blessed” Son of the Father (Matt. 17:5). Let us recognize that He has been given all authority and the place of primacy over the family of God (Matt. 28:18). Moreover, remember that He and He alone is the fount of all spiritual blessing (2 Pet. 1:3)!

Thank you for taking the time

to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below. Also, feel free to check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us in person each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. (COVID-19 protocols are presented on our website). We hope to see you soon!

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### Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Mother’s Day “I have Called You Friends”*

Our services can be found on our website at [www.barrechurch.com](http://www.barrechurch.com) and Facebook page.

### Scripture Reading: John 15 v 9-17

I. Introduction:

Many of us may remember a teacher whom we loved in elementary or high school, and who made our lives easier as we were trying to get through our school years. We also have Sunday school teachers who have made an impact on our lives. I remember one elementary school teacher who made me cry so much when my parents moved from Kenhardt, my birthplace to the City of Cape Town. She was a good teacher and she made us all feel special, and at that age I could not believe that I would not see her again. I went off and had several other individuals, who have shaped my life in different ways; my pastor in my hometown in Wellington who taught me so much about church life, and my professor in seminary who made me feel included as the only woman finding her way among all her male colleagues, who helped me find my voice.

We also had friends, and maybe still do, who have been there for us and with us through the ups and downs of life. All these individuals may not realize how much their love, their support, and the lessons we learnt from them have shaped our lives.

In our passage, we encounter Jesus where He introduces Himself as a friend to His disciples and calls them His Friends. Let us have a look what that means for them and for us.

II. I have Called You Friends

Jesus continues His conversation with His disciples focusing on the theme of abiding or remaining in Him. The previous passage, which we focused on last week, laid out for the disciples how important it is to remain in Him, the Vine, and bear fruit; and now He is urging them to remain in His love, in the way he remains in God’s love. The key here is His call to them to be in a mutual relationship with Him, to never leave, but to remain in Him. There are benefits to this relationship, which they need to remember as they go forth in spreading the Good News to the nations, while He will return to God.

This mutual relationship between Him and the disciples is described as a friendship. No, they are not His slaves or servants, He says, because a servant or a slave does not know the business of the master or employer. There is no real intimate relationship between them either. It is different between Jesus and His disciples. The friendship He has with them, is a gift He offers them, and it flows from the love He has for them, the love that

made Him give His life for them on the cross. They did not choose Him as many others would choose the Rabbi they would follow as was the practice; instead, He chose them. He has taught and given them everything they needed, everything He received from God. They therefore are equipped to go and bear fruit that will last, and therefore He appoints them to the precious task of sharing with the world what they received from Him.

III. Keep my commands.

This friendship is at its core based in a deep divine love that is compassionate and caring, but a love that also required obedience from them, obedience to keep His commandment of loving one another as He loved them and how He kept the commandments given to Him by God. This love of neighbor as thyself, is also found in the Mosaic Law, but this love Jesus is describing is more than the love in the Mosaic law. His is a love that carries with it something new, the gift of a person, the Messiah, who journeyed with them, who cared for them deeply, who transformed their lives and gave them inner peace and joy. Through His love and compassion, He healed the sick, cared for the poor, and reached out to those who were the outcast. If they keep that commandment of loving one another, as He loved them, in a sustained way, not breaking away from Him, they will receive an inner joy that is complete, that is awesome, that will remind them of Him always. He will be alive in them always. That is His promise.

IV. Conclusion

Those individuals who were and still are our friends, our teachers, did what they could to set us on the road, guide and shape us. We moved on from some of them, and maybe we stay in touch with others, and we carry within us that which we learned from them. Those individuals are special, and we will remember and cherish their impact on our lives.

This morning’s passage reminds us that Christ’s friendship, leadership, love, compassion and impact on our lives overshadow even the best of what those friends and teachers have meant to us. Why? Because He did not leave the disciples, and did not leave us completely; no, He is alive and through His Spirit He is still with us, inside of us, and available whenever we have a question, need to have a conversation, when we need to be comforted, and when we really need help in and through a difficult situation. He has called us His friends, and nothing could be more special than that!

That is the love He is talking about, which He gave His disciples and all of us who follow Him. It is also the love He urges us to have for one another. It is not just a request, but a command, that we love Him and love one another. We must bear fruit, the fruit of love and compassion, the same He has given us. Once we have that in us, live it out in a sustained way, that is when we will ask God whatever we need in His Name, and we will receive it. It is a love that forgives us for what we have done to others, and it is love that gives us peace and joy inside.

May God bless us today on this Mothers’ Day, as we share our love with the women who have shared their lives and love with us. For those who do not have a mother or woman with you in the flesh anymore, may their memory be a blessing to you today. May God bless us all with this great gift of love from Christ and among one another. Amen

**Pastor Margaret Keyser**  
*Barrre Congregational Church*  
30 Park St., Barre

# Obituaries

## Death Notices

**Hobbs, David Abram**  
Died April 26, 2021  
Visitation May 14 4-7 p.m.  
O’Connor Brothers Funeral Home

**Pickett, Charles Edward**  
Died May 1, 2021

### David Abram Hobbs, 64

BARRE – David Abram Hobbs, 64, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 26, 2021 in UMASS Memorial Medical Center, Worcester. He leaves his three children, son, Charlie Hobbs, and his fiancé, Cassandra Holroyd, and his granddaughter, Audrey, who was the light of Dave’s life; daughter, Katherine Hobbs, and son, Billy Hobbs, all of Barre. He also leaves a brother, Robert Hobbs, and his wife, Lori Sax; a sister, Sandra and her husband, John Fritscher; a niece, Elizabeth and her husband, Patrick Baron; three nephews, Scott Fritscher and his wife, Kristi, Matthew Fritscher, and Steven Fritscher and his wife, Kim and several cousins in Newfoundland, Canada.

He was born in Holden the son of the late Abram Samuel and Meta Wheeler Hobbs. David was a graduate of Wachusett High School, Holden, Franklin Institute, Boston and Fitchburg State University. Early in his career, he worked at Luddy Chevrolet as an ASE Certified Master Technician. He was known in the automotive industry as the “go-to-guy” for any complicated, unusual problems. Dave could fix anything!



He then taught for 18 years at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School in Fitchburg, where he was a beloved mentor to many students and a well-respected staff member.

Dave was an avid outdoorsman and member of the Barre Sportsman’s Club. He loved deep-sea fishing and fishing on the Quabbin Reservoir as well as hunting with his two sons and friends. He will be remembered for his witty sense of humor, his legendary stories, his generosity and his willingness to lend a hand to anyone that needed it and his deep-fried turkeys.

His visitation will be held on Friday, May 14 from 4-7 p.m. in O’Connor Brothers Funeral Home, 592 Park Avenue, Worcester. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. A celebration of Dave’s life will be held at a later date at the Barre Sportsman’s Club.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 300 Fifth Avenue, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451. To share a memory or leave a message of condolences please visit Dave’s guestbook at [oconnorbrothers.com](http://oconnorbrothers.com).

### Charles Edward Pickett, 6

On Saturday, May 1, 2021, Charles Edward Pickett, cherished son of Robert and Adaris Pickett, went to be with the Lord at the age of 6.

Charlie was born on Dec. 1, 2014 in Keene, NH. He attended kindergarten at Heritage Christian School where he learned and did math under the care of his experienced teacher, Mrs. Abel. Charlie also took guitar lessons and Jiu Jitsu classes. He was best known for his infectious smile that affected all who knew him well, his kind nature and his happiness in all situations.

Charlie leaves behind his mother Adaris Pickett, father



Robert Pickett Jr., brother Bobby, sister Grace, grandparents Robert Pickett Sr. and Patti Pickett of Hubbardston, MA and Saul Santana and Ada Orta of Columbus, GA. He also leaves behind Uncle Nathan, Aunt Kerri, Aunt Sarai, his cousins Owen, Orion and Oliver, as well as his best friends Barron and Trevon. A public visitation was held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at noon at Outreach Church on North Street in Rindge, N.H., followed by a funeral service at 1 p.m.

To share a memory, or to leave the family a message, please visit Charlie’s tribute page at [www.jellisonfuneralhome.com](http://www.jellisonfuneralhome.com).

### Tri-Parish Community Church news

GILBERTVILLE – At the Tri-Parish Community Church, this week, notes trilled from the grand piano played by Holly Bartelmann on the altar of Gilbertville’s Stone Church. The congregation sang along with happy hearts and voices in celebration of our Lord and the blessings of a beautiful Mother’s Day. Jennifer Pollard’s wonderful sermon was entitled “Abiding in Love” and was a truly inspiring message. Upcoming lay

leaders are Marguerite Crevier on Sunday, May 16 and Katie Tyler on Sunday, May 23. People are invited to join in worship at Gilbertville Trinitarian Church at 10 a.m. on Sundays through Aug. 29. A children’s sermon is provided for the little ones. The plant/craft/bake sale will be held on the Hardwick Common Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. People may call the church office with any question at 508-867-3306.

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off a final charge from Josh King over the final laps to seal the victory.

King was second, followed by Dore, Belsito and Derek Gluchacki. Tyler Tomassi was sixth, while Gabe Brown, Beaulieu, O’Connell and Kevin Casper finished the top-10.

The Granite State Pro Stock Series returns to the track on Sunday, May 30, as part of a Memorial Day weekend special at Claremont Motorsports Park. For more information on the Granite State Pro Stock Series, visit [gspss.net](http://gspss.net) and follow the series on social media.

#### The Finish:

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Jacob Dore  
Angelo Belsito  
Derek Gluchacki  
Tyler Tomassi  
Gabe Brown  
Evan Beaulieu  
Devin O’Connell  
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225 Main Street  
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Docket No.  
WO21P1493EA  
Estate of:  
Mark L Thibault  
Date of Death:  
10/30/2019  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Nancy A Thibault** of Barre, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 30, 2021  
**Stephanie K. Fattman**  
Register of Probate  
05/13/2021

**BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 8:15 p.m.** in the Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, or via Zoom to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, by adding a new section; 140-33 Natural Resource Protection Zoning (NRPZ).  
A copy of which is on file with the Planning Board Office. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or via Zoom or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.  
Douglas Martin  
Chairman  
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The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:35 p.m.** in the Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, or via Zoom to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, by adding a new section; 140-36 Accessory Apartments.  
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Douglas Martin  
Chairman  
05/13, 05/20/2021

**BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 8:05 p.m.** in the Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, or via Zoom to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, by adding a new section; 140-37 Rate of Development Bylaw.  
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Douglas Martin  
Chairman  
05/13, 05/20/2021

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE**  
The Barre Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Virtual public hearing on **Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** requested by The Caregiver-Patient Connection LLC/UTR Property, LLC by: Blatman, Bobrowski & Haverty, LLC for an administrative appeal of the building commissioner's determination that the expanded use of a marijuana establishment requires a special permit pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 140-11.2.A.(3) for property located at 295 Vernon Avenue, Assessors Map H. Lot 466. Recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 46711, Page 261.  
Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the virtual hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street – Suite 5, Barre, MA or contact the Boards' Office at 978-355-5000 ext. 7.  
Joshua Smith  
Chairman  
05/13, 05/20/2021

**BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** at 557 South Barre Road and via Zoom requested by Christal Whelan for a stonewall break at property located on 460 Farrington Road Road, Assessors Map F, Parcel 60. Recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 64348, Page 104.  
All persons who wish to comment submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board or via e-mail: barreboards@townofbarre.com.  
Douglas Martin  
Chairman  
05/6, 5/13/2021

**BARRE PLANNING BOARD**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road and via Zoom requested by All Energy Solar, Inc. and Jeffery A. Degnan, property owner, for the installation of a ground-mounted solar energy system consisting of 20 solar panels at 365W each, for a total of 7.3 kW DC located at 960 Old Dana Road, Assessors Map A, Lot 143 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 15824, Page 0152.  
Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing via zoom or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.  
Douglas Martin  
Chairman  
05/06, 05/13/2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508)831-2200  
Docket No.  
WO21P1497EA  
Estate of:  
Alida Yajaira Bloem  
Date of Death: 03/14/2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Craig Peter Bloem, Sr.** of West Yarmouth, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Craig Peter Bloem, Sr.** of West Yarmouth, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an

**unsupervised administration.**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/02/2021.**  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 03, 2021  
**Stephanie K. Fattman**  
Register of Probate  
05/13/2021

**BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:45 p.m.** in the Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, or via

Zoom to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, by adding a new section; 140-35 Driveways, Common Driveways, and Flexible Frontage.  
A copy of which is on file with the Planning Board Office. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or via Zoom or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.  
Douglas Martin  
Chairman  
05/13, 05/20/2021

**Legal Notice FY2022 Fuel Bids**  
Legal Notice Town of New Braintree, MA is seeking FY 2022 Invitation for Bids for Fuel in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, §5. The bid will be awarded based on the most responsible, responsive bidder offering the lowest price. The IFB will be available on May 17, 2021 in the Executive Secretary's Office, 20 Memorial Drive New Braintree, MA 01531. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked **"FY22 Fuel Bids,"** and are due no later than **2:00 p.m. on June 28, 2021** in the Executive Secretary's Office, Town Hall- 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA 01531. The contact person is Kristen Thacker, Executive secretary, 508-867-2071 x 100 or selectboard@newbraintree.org . The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to only award a contract if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.  
05/13, 05/20/2021

**BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:20 p.m.** in the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road and via Zoom requested by Richard Lindsten to amend the Code of the Town of

Barre Zoning 140, Town of Barre Zoning Bylaw and the Zoning Map incorporated therein by reference, by changing the zoning district of land on the Northwestern side of New Braintree Road aka Main Street and the Northeastly side of Furnace Road aka Wheelwright Road from Limited Business District to become R-15 General Residence District.  
A copy of which is on file with the Planning Board Office. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or via Zoom or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.  
Douglas Martin  
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5/6; 5/13/21

**Legal Notice FY2022 Road Materials Bid**  
Legal Notice Town of New Braintree, MA is seeking FY 2022 Invitation for Bids for Road Materials in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, §5. The bid will be awarded based on the most responsible, responsive bidder offering the lowest price. The IFB will be available on May 17, 2021 in the Executive Secretary's Office, 20 Memorial Drive New Braintree, MA 01531. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked **"FY22 Road Materials Bid,"** and are due no later than **2:00 p.m. on June 28, 2021** in the Executive Secretary's Office, Town Hall- 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA 01531. The contact person is Kristen Thacker, Executive Secretary 508-867-2071 x 100 or selectboard@newbraintree.org . The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to only award a contract if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.  
05/13, 05/20/2021

# Public Safety

## Petersham Police Log

**Saturday, April 3**  
8:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Main Street – Citation Issued  
9:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning  
9:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning  
3:05 p.m. Medical Emergency Rte. 32A – Transported to Hospital  
**Tuesday, April 4**  
1:34 p.m. Fire, Illegal Burn/Permit Popple Camp Road – Extinguished  
2:29 p.m. Missing Person Nelson Road – Services Rendered  
**Tuesday, April 6**  
11:59 a.m. 911 Misdiol Monson Turnpike Road – Spoken To  
**Wednesday, April 7**  
7 p.m. Illegal Dumping New Athol Road – Transported to Hospital  
**Friday, April 9**  
4:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Main Street – Written Warning  
5:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Salem Road – Citation Issued  
6:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street -Vehicle Towed  
**Saturday, April 10**  
11:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued  
**Tuesday, April 13**  
8:07 a.m. School Zone Traffic Spring

Street – Arrest(s) Made  
**Wednesday, April 14**  
10:47 a.m. 911 Misdiol South Street – Spoken To  
12:14 p.m. Fire, Brush Delargy Road – Extinguished  
4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning  
**Thursday, April 15**  
4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Common Street – Written Warning  
**Friday, April 16**  
11:15 a.m. Safety Hazard New Salem Road – Spoken To  
4:20 p.m. Annoying Phone Calls Nichewaug Road – Dispatch Handled  
5:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued  
5:19 p.m. Animal Call Barre Road – Services Rendered  
**Saturday, April 17**  
9:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Salem Road – Written Warning  
2:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued  
5:28 p.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle Barre Road – Vehicle Towed  
8:39 p.m. Animal Call Petersham Road – Officer Handled  
**Sunday, April 18**  
8:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued

9:12 a.m. 911/Hang-up Call Hardwick Road – Services Rendered  
**Monday, April 19**  
9:29 a.m. Animal Call Old East Street – Services Rendered  
1:03 p.m. Medical Emergency North Main Street – Transported to Hospital  
5:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued  
**Tuesday, April 20**  
1:32 p.m. Identity Theft East Street – Spoken To  
**Thursday, April 22**  
6:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Salem Road – Citation Issued  
**Saturday, April 24**  
1:15 p.m. Fire, Brush South Street – Extinguished  
3:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Spring Street – Transported to Hospital  
4:27 p.m. 911 Misdiol Flat Rock Road – Services Rendered  
10:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning  
**Sunday, April 25**  
12:08 p.m. 911 Misdiol Birch Drive – Spoken To  
**Wednesday, April 28**  
8:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Salem Road – Written Warning  
5:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning

## Oakham Police Log

**Sunday, May 2**  
3:02 p.m. Traffic Hazard Gaffney Road – Services Rendered  
**Monday, May 3**  
8:41 a.m. Animal Complaint Old Turnpike Road – Officer Advised  
3:04 p.m. Gunshots East Hill Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
5:03 p.m. Falls North Brookfield Road – Transported to Hospital  
11:13 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems Bullard Road – Transported

to Hospital  
**Tuesday, May 4**  
7:44 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems North Brookfield Road – Transported to Hospital  
**Wednesday, May 5**  
4:28 p.m. Abdominal/Back Pain Barre Road – Transported to Hospital  
**Thursday, May 6**  
9:16 a.m. Vandalism Gaffney Road – Report Filed  
9:49 a.m. Vandalism Gaffney Road –

Report Filed  
9:50 a.m. Vandalism Gaffney Road – Report Filed  
9:51 a.m. Vandalism New Braintree Road – Report Filed  
**Friday, May 7**  
8:39 a.m. Unattended Death Barre Road – Report Filed  
1:46 p.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope Scott Road – Transported to Hospital

## Barre Police Log

**Sunday, May 2**  
7:06 a.m. Sick/Unknown Main Street – Transported to Hospital  
10:05 a.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope Ruggles Lane – Ambulance Signed Refusal  
11:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Barre Road – Citation Issued  
1:20 p.m. Trauma Clem Court – Transported to Hospital  
1:24 p.m. Allergic Reaction Elm Street South – Ambulance Signed Refusal  
1:45 p.m. Overdose/Poisoning Main Street – No Fire Necessary  
10:22 p.m. Harassment West Street

– Officer Spoke to Party  
**Monday, May 3**  
9:23 a.m. Serve Warrant James Street – Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Madison J. Holland, 26, Barre Warrant  
5:07 p.m. Sick/Unknown Root Road – No Fire Service Necessary  
**Thursday, May 6**  
6:52 p.m. Complaint Exchange Street – Officer Advised  
9:54 p.m. Sick/Unknown James Street – Transported to Hospital  
**Friday, May 7**  
8:14 a.m. Complaint Stetson Road – Information Given

10:46 a.m. Complaint South Street – Officer Spoke to Party  
5:06 p.m. Falls Ruggles Lane – Transported to Hospital  
5:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Barre Road – Citation Issued  
**Saturday, May 8**  
3:22 p.m. Noise Violation, Party Wheelwright Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
7:17 p.m. Noise Violation/Party Wheelwright Road – No Police Service Necessary  
9:40 p.m. Threats South Street – Officer Spoke to Party

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, May 2**  
2:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Hit and Run Gardner Road – Report Filed  
5:46 p.m. Overdose/Poisoning Brigham Street – Transported to Hospital  
**Monday, May 3**  
9:33 a.m. Complaint High Street – Chief Took the Call  
10:21 a.m. Fraud/Forgery Williamsville Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
4:05 p.m. Animal, Bite Williamsville Road – Information Taekn  
4:16 p.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope Gardner Road – Transported to Hospital  
1:1p.m. Harassing/Annoying Phone Calls Plum Tree Lane – Information Taken  
**Tuesday, May 4**  
7:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/

Fire Barre Road – Vehicle Towed  
**Thursday, May 6**  
12:28 p.m. Harassment Old Princeton Cutoff Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
4:43 p.m. Trespasser Pitcherville Road – Vehicle Removed  
5:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Judith A. Lacroix, 64, Hubbardston  
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With  
7:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire Gardner Road – Citation Issued  
9:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Amy White, 36, Spencer  
Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Inspection/Sticker, No

**Saturday, May 8**  
9:54 a.m. Property Damage Old Boston Turnpike – Officer Spoke to Party  
12:33 p.m. Sick/Unknown Worcester Road – Referred to Other Agency  
12:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Citation Issued  
4:47 p.m. Property Damage Morgan Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
8 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Report Filed  
9:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Citation Issued  
**Sunday, May 9**  
12:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Brigham Street – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Elijah M. Robinson, 29, Gardner  
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Registration Revoked, Operate Motor Vehicle With

## New Braintree Police Log

During the weeks of May 3-10, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 16 building/property checks, 19 directed/area patrols, 6 radar assignments, 6 traffic controls, 6 emergency 911 calls, 2 motor vehicle stops, 1 vandalism, 1 trespass, 1 harassment, 2 safety hazards and 5 complaints in the town of New Braintree.  
**Monday, May 3**  
11:44 a.m. Phone – Assist Other Agency Ravine Road – Services Rendered  
**Tuesday, May 4**  
8:10 a.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard West Brookfield Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

10:59 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Oakham Road – Unknown Outcome  
**Thursday, May 6**  
6:40 a.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident Ravine Road – Transported to Hospital  
1:45 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Memorial Drive – Spoken To  
3:09 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Ravine Road – Transported to Hospital  
5:14 p.m. Phone – Vandalism Oakham Road – Negative Contact  
**Friday, May 7**  
8:34 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Barre Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

**Saturday, May 8**  
4:06 p.m. 911 – Lockout West Brookfield Road – Services Rendered  
**Sunday, May 9**  
1:15 p.m. 911 – Welfare Check Ravine Road – Spoken To  
1:20 p.m. Phone – Trespass McEvoy Road – Merge  
3:08 p.m. Phone – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations McEvoy Road – Report Taken  
4:41 p.m. Phone – Complaint Ravine Road – Investigated  
8:02 p.m. Phone – Harassment Cemetery Road – Unfounded



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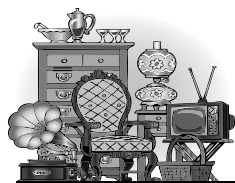
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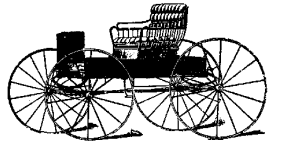
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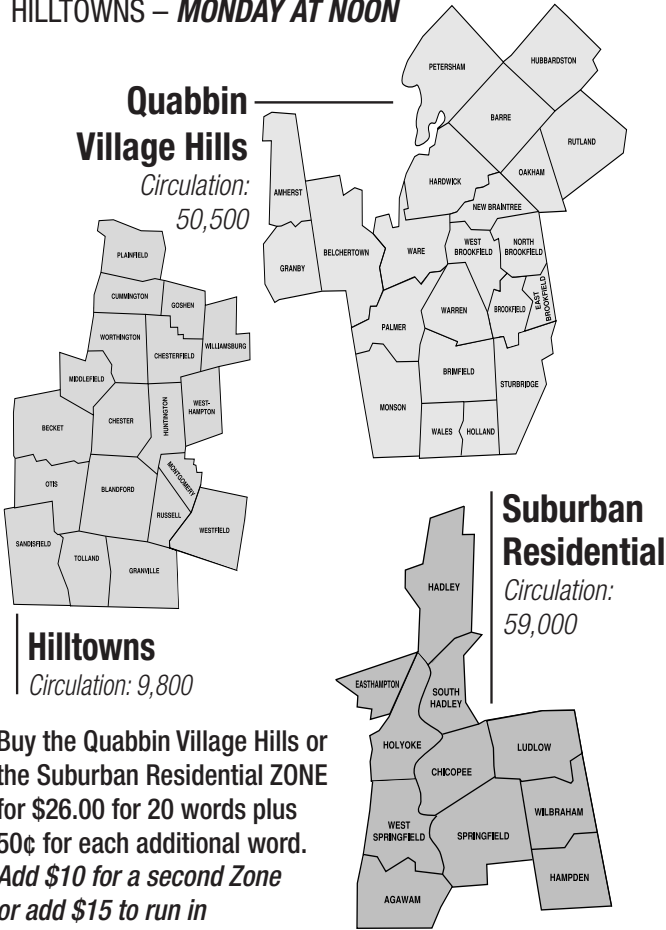
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